

# Friday Bulletin

News from the Alaska State Libraries, Archives & Museums

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## NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

### The time has come! Alaska State Archives Online Catalog

The Alaska State Archives has created an online and searchable catalog that allows the public to search its 24,000 cubic feet of historic and important holdings. Under AS 40.21.030 the Alaska State Archives preserves nearly 24,000 cubic feet of government records for public and State agencies. The bulk of the State Archives' holdings are State government records (1959-present) that document the work of State agencies (Office of the Governor, Department of Fish & Game, Department of Natural Resources, etc.), as well as the Alaska State Legislature. The State Archives also holds select District (1884-1912) and Territorial (1912-1959) government records, with the largest pre-1959

holdings consisting of District Court records (includes land records) and the historical papers of Alaska's governors.

The new searchable catalog allows the public to research the State Archives' holdings and learn more about Alaska's documentary heritage. To search this catalog and learn more about the Alaska State Archives' collections see the webpages below.

Link to searchable catalog:

<http://archives.alaska.gov/minisis/scripts/mwimain.dll/144/DESCRIPTION?DIRECTSEARCH>

Link to general information about the Alaska State Archives holdings and digitized collections.

[http://archives.alaska.gov/for\\_researchers/for\\_researchers.html](http://archives.alaska.gov/for_researchers/for_researchers.html)

### **Alaska Digital Library: Special Places for Kids and Teens**

This week Alaskan kids and teens got their own versions of the Alaska Digital Library to more quickly find the ebooks and audiobooks of interest to them. To see these new virtual rooms, visit:

- Kids Room - <http://kids.alaskadigitallibrary.net>
- Teen Room - <http://teens.alaskadigitallibrary.net>

These sites are available to the [member communities](#) of the Alaska Digital Library.

Libraries that are not part of Alaska's Digital Library but would like to be, should contact Tracy Swaim of the Alaska Library Network at [info@aklib.net](mailto:info@aklib.net).

### **SLAM Friends recruiting, cited by Capital City Weekly**

We're happy to note a recent article in the Juneau Empire and Capital City Weekly about the Friends of the State Library, Archives and Museum (FOSLAM):

Friends of the SLAM organize lecture series, seek members

Posted: November 16, 2016 - 12:00am

By MARY CATHARINE MARTIN

<http://juneauempire.com/art/2016-11-16/friends-state-library-archives-and-museum-organize-lecture-series-seek-members>

To learn more about our Friends group, visit <http://www.foslam.org/>

# NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

## Tuzzy Consortium Library joins Federal Depository Library Program

We are excited to share the following news from Tuzzy Consortium Library and the Government Publishing Office:

### Nation's Northernmost Library Joins GPO Program

The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) designates Alaska's Tuzzy Consortium Library as a new all-digital member of GPO's Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Tuzzy, which serves as the library for the town of Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow), AK and the tribal institution of Ilisagvik College, becomes the northernmost library in the FDLP. Utqiagvik is the northernmost point of the United States. The library will provide the local Inupiat community with no-cost, digital-only access to Federal Government information.

Through the FDLP, GPO works with nearly 1,150 libraries nationwide to provide public access to authentic, published information from all three branches of the Federal Government in print and electronic formats. Tuzzy Consortium Library joins a program whose antecedents can be traced back to the act of Congress dated December 27, 1813 (3 Stat. 140), which provided that one copy of the journals and documents of the Senate and House be sent to each university and college and each historical society in each state. GPO has operated the Federal Depository Library Program since 1895.

"GPO welcomes the Tuzzy Consortium Library to the FDLP and looks forward to expanding public access to Federal Government information in Northern Alaska," said GPO Director Davita Vance-Cooks. "The partnership between GPO and libraries dates back to the 1800s, and I am glad this strong partnership continues to provide public access to Government information in numerous places and platforms."

## Haines Borough School District receives James Patterson Award

Haines, AK - November 17, 2016 – Haines School received a grant today from bestselling author James Patterson to support its school library. In addition, Scholastic Reading Club will match each dollar of Patterson's donation with "bonus points" that teachers can use to acquire books and other materials for their classrooms. Haines was selected amongst thousands of applications for funding grants. To learn more, listen to Patterson's exclusive interview about the [critical need for school libraries](#) on the "Scholastic Reads" podcast.

James Patterson and Scholastic Reading Club announced in March 2016 that Patterson would donate \$1.75 million to save school libraries nationwide in the second installment of his School Library Campaign. As part of an ongoing effort to keep books and reading a number one priority in the United States, selected school libraries will be receiving grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Since the grant program's launch in 2015, Patterson has donated \$3.5 million to school libraries nationwide, with all funds are being personally donated by Patterson.

School Librarian Leigh Horner plans to use the \$3,000 from the James Patterson Partnership Grant to purchase new iPads and video equipment for the library. We can use this new equipment after school to create “book bites” that are short book reviews of favorite books using the green screen technology. Book bites use students writing, reading and technology skills and brings them all together” said Librarian Leigh Horner

“We’ve just come out of the most divisive presidential election in history – and among all the issues that captivated voters, education wasn’t one of them. It was hardly discussed,” says Patterson. “Nearly half of the American population reads at or below a basic level, and we need to address that problem to foster an informed future electorate. I’ve made it my mission to underscore the vital role reading plays in children’s lives, and the need to sustain school libraries is at the heart of that mission.”

“Last year’s ‘Patterson Pledge’ showed communities nationwide how important school libraries are, but also how gravely desperate they are for books to fill their shelves in the midst of steep budget cuts,” said Judy Newman, President of Scholastic Reading Club. The amazing outpouring from schools combined with the continued generosity of James Patterson helped us solidify a second year of grants to help more children have access to high-quality books and, ultimately, revive school libraries. We are proud to announce this year’s new grant recipients and thank James Patterson for his continued personal commitment to save school libraries.”

In the first-ever partnership of its kind, Patterson joined forces with Scholastic Reading Club to administer funding applications to their network of 62,000 schools and 800,000 teachers. Schools entering were asked to share the story of their school library, including past efforts to make improvements and “great ideas to help create a brighter future.” Patterson personally read and selected the winning recipients of the grants. Based on past winners, school libraries across the country have been using this funding to purchase new books, add bookshelves, make improvements to their catalog systems, and expand their programming. The full list of grant recipients is available online at <http://www.scholastic.com/pattersonpartnership/recipients>.

To learn more, go to [mediaroom.scholastic.com/scholasticreadingclub](http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/scholasticreadingclub) and follow #PattersonPledge on social media.

## **Juneau Public Libraries Mendenhall Valley Library honored by American Institute of Architects, Alaska**

The Mendenhall Valley Public Library was one of five honorees at the 2016 annual conference of American Institute of Architects, Alaska Chapter (AIA Alaska).

See more at:

ALASKA ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS RECEIVE 2016 DESIGN AWARDS  
[http://www.aiaalaska.org/2016AIA-Awards\\_PressRelease.pdf](http://www.aiaalaska.org/2016AIA-Awards_PressRelease.pdf)

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Science, local economic data focus of federal webinars 11/29 and 11/30

The Government Publishing Office (GPO) is pleased to offer the following webinars that may be of interest to both museums and libraries:

- [Science Soup: Mix Your Way through the Ingredients of Some Major Science Databases: Science.gov, PubMed, and WorldWideScience](#), November 29, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)
- [Using the BEA Interactive Data Tool to get Local Data](#), November 30, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Presenters from GPO, other Federal Government agencies, and from Federal depository libraries across the Nation will present on topics related to Federal Government information and the Federal Depository Library Program. All sessions are presented virtually through GPO's [FDLP Academy](#). Attendees will receive a Certificate of Participation from GPO for each webinar they attend. Closed captioning is available for all webinars. Registrants will be sent access information upon registering. View GPO's complete [archive of recorded webinars and webcasts](#). All are encouraged to share and re-post information about these free training opportunities.

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